

some industry plus they have got the land setting there that is tied up because of Initiative 300. So I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, please, then Senator...

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want to talk for just a moment about 1027, what this bill means, and then talk about Senator Peterson's amendment. 1027 is an important bill to a number of taxpayers because it clarifies a variety of issues in the sales tax arena, in the income tax arena, and the property tax arena. The bill itself is a relatively responsible piece of legislation that doesn't raise much money, but the bill because it opens up a variety of tax subjects is an easy bill to latch amendments onto, and here comes the first latch. Now, if you only hear me say one thing, please hear me say this. \$700,000 tax expenditure, 700,000. I will repeat it again, 700,000. The first hook on this bill now to be offered by Senator Peterson is to have us lose \$700,000 in tax revenue. The question that Senator Peterson raises is one that deals with a local industry. The question is a disputed question. It is currently before the State Tax Commissioner. She will have to decide the disputed question. After she decides it, if she decides it on behalf of Nucor, that is the way it is. If she decides it against Nucor, they can take an appeal to the courts. We should not resolve that issue for Nucor, which I think it is a \$40,000 issue for Nucor, we should not resolve that issue through a \$700,000 revenue loss. Nucor is asking that it not be treated as a final consumer of a particular industrial product. It is the final consumer so far as I can tell and so far as I know. The sales tax should be paid on this particular final product, but most importantly, this is a \$700,000 revenue loser to the state. We cannot afford this kind of a loss today with this amendment. I oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Chronister.

SENATOR DECAMP: I will pass.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Chronister, you are up. There he is. Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues, I support the amendment that Richard Peterson is offering at this time. Nucor has been a very, very good addition to our State of